

Section II. REMARKS**Amendment to Place Application in Condition for Issue Based on Allowance of Claims 32-56 and 66**

In connection with the allowance of claims 32-56 and 66 in the August 31, 2004 Office Action, all non-allowed pending claims have been cancelled herein, so that the application can now be allowed and a patent issued at an early date, since the applicants' assignee is commercializing the storage and dispensing system of the invention.

Claims 1-16, 18-24, 30, 31 and 57-65 have been cancelled herein to expedite patent issue, and the subject matter of such cancelled claims is being prosecuted in co-pending application no. 10/139,104.

Mootness of Rejection of Claims 1-16, 18-24, 30, 31 and 57-65

The rejection in the August 31, 2004 Office Action of claims 1-16, 18-24, 30, 31 and 57-65 has been obviated by the cancellation of such claims in the present application and concurrent prosecution of the subject matter of such claims in co-pending application no. 10/139,104.

Accordingly, since all now-pending claims 32-56 and 66 of the present application have been allowed in the August 31, 2004 Office Action, the application is now in form and condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims 32-56 and 66 have been allowed. Issue of a Notice of Allowance therefore is requested.

If any issues remain outstanding, incident to the formal allowance of the application, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to discuss their resolution, in order that the application is passed to issue at an early date.

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